

REMARKS

Claim 1 was pending in this application.

Claims 2-20 were previously cancelled.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 21-40 have been added.

Claims 21-40 are now pending in this application.

The Applicant respectfully requests consideration and full allowance of Claims 21-40.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejects Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,032,170 to Gutttag et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,286,024 to Yano et al, or U.S. Patent No. 4,754,421 to Bosshart.

The Applicant has cancelled Claim 1. As a result, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 103 rejection.

II. NEW CLAIMS

The Applicant has added new Claims 21-40. The Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. The Applicant respectfully requests entry and full allowance of Claims 21-40.

III. CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims in the application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an early allowance of such claims.

SUMMARY

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@davismunck.com*.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fee) or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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